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Date: February 14, 2006

TO: California Children's Services (CCS)
Approved Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU)

SUBJECT: Request for Applications (RFA)
CCS High Risk Infant Follow-Up (HRIF) Program

The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) is soliciting applications from CCS approved Regional NICUs to facilitate the delivery of HRIF services.

Contracts to provide these services will be for an initial period from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009, with an option of extending contracts for an additional two year period. A total of \$100,000 will be available annually for each contractor, subject to availability of funding and contractor performance and compliance with contract terms.

The RFA may be viewed and downloaded at the following Internet site:

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/rfa/hrifrfa.htm>. If you do not have internet access, a hard copy can be obtained by contacting Debbie Gosch at (916) 322-8719 or dgosch@dhs.ca.gov.

A tentative timeline for the application process is included on page 5 of this RFA.
Specific milestones of immediate interest to prospective applicants include:

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Applicant Questions

All written questions regarding this procurement must be received by 4 p.m., March 2, 2006.

Voluntary Applicant Teleconference

A voluntary Applicants' Teleconference will be held on March 8, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The purpose of the teleconference is to allow applicants to ask questions or seek clarification of RFA requirements and to share answers to general questions. If CDHS is unable to respond to all inquiries received before and/or during the teleconference, answers will be provided shortly thereafter.

Application Submission Date

Applications must be received no later than 4 p.m. on March 17, 2006.

Thank you for your interest in applying for funding of this NICU High Risk Infant Follow-Up project.

Sincerely,

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